

MYTH:

 Local districts lose money because of charter schools.

FACT:

 Charter schools bring more state money to a community and free up resources for the local district.

- ✓ Every two years, the state sets aside \$11,000 for every child expected to attend a public charter school.¹
- ✓ That money is separate from what the state gives to local school districts. On average, local districts spend \$16,274 per-child.²
- ✓ When the state gives money to local districts, they do it based on how many students live in the district and that includes children that attend charter schools.
- ✓ Because of state laws, local school districts still receive funding for students attending charter schools.
- ✓ Since the local district isn't educating the charter school students, most of that extra money is used to help other district students.

¹ Connecticut General Statutes, §10-66ee(d)(1). "Charter school funding. Special education students. Transportation. Contracts. Cooperative arrangements." 2015. Hyperlink: http://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_164.htm#sec_10-66ee. ² U.S. Census Bureau. "Public Education Finances: 2012." May 2014. Hyperlink: <http://www2.census.gov/govs/school/12f33pub.pdf>.

CHARTER AND HOST DISTRICT FUNDING

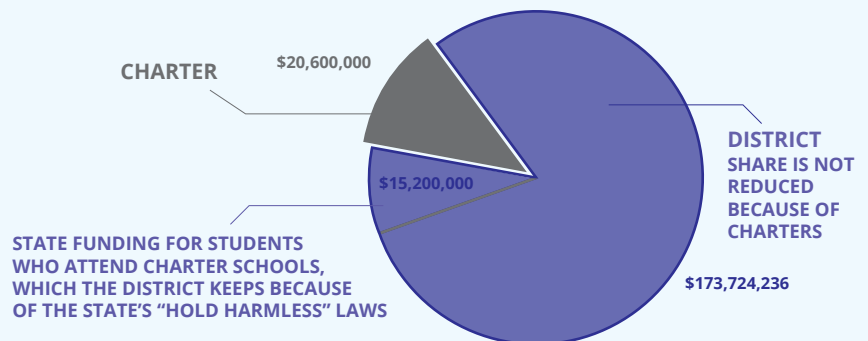
LOCAL EXAMPLE: BRIDGEPORT

2014-2015 State funding for Bridgeport Local School District



District Funding Total: About 174 million dollars

2014-2015 State funding for Bridgeport Local District and Charter Public Schools



District and Charter Funding Total: About 194 million dollars

Sources: Office of Fiscal Analysis. "Town Grants Dashboard." 2014. Hyperlink: <http://www.cga.ct.gov/ofa/dashboard1.asp>.
Estimated charter school enrollment based on applications submitted to the Connecticut State Department of Education. Hyperlink: <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2681&q=320438>
Funding breakdowns are based on per-pupil grants and enrollment numbers.